



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**Revised Consent Agenda**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 9:00 AM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting**

19-2081

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF CRYSTAL CARBELLOS**

**WHEREAS,** Crystal Carbellos was a proud and dedicated employee of the Cook County Public Defender's Office for almost twenty years; and

**WHEREAS,** Crystal Carbellos passed away on February 22, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** Crystal Carbellos earned her bachelor's degree from University of Minnesota and worked as a Certified Public Accountant; and

**WHEREAS,** she earned her Juris Doctorate from Chicago-Kent College of Law Illinois Institute of Technology in 1995 and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1997; and

**WHEREAS,** as a law student Crystal Carbellos worked at the Chicago-Kent Law Offices as a clinic student defending those accused of crimes under the tutelage of Professor Richard Kling and found her calling to be the voice and a shield for the accused; and

**WHEREAS,** after getting her law degree, Crystal Carbellos joined the Cook County Public Defender's Office as an assistant public defender in May 1997 and dedicated herself to finding justice for her clients; and

**WHEREAS,** Crystal Carbellos worked in the Traffic Division, Juvenile Justice Division, and Felony Trial Division of the Cook County Public Defender's Office as an assistant public defender, before joining the special Homicide Task Force Division, where she worked for almost ten years; and

**WHEREAS,** Crystal Carbellos worked tirelessly to advocate for her clients, became the voice and a shield for her clients, and was a formidable trial attorney for her clients. Her dedication to ensuring equity and justice for her clients was steadfast and her compassion unquestionable; and

**WHEREAS,** Crystal Carbellos maintained relationships with her former clients, was a mentor to many other assistant public defenders, and was respected by her colleagues for her leadership, advocacy, and compassion; and

**WHEREAS,** Crystal Carbellos served her fellow assistant public defenders as the Treasurer for

AFSCME, Council 31, AFL-CIO, Local 3315 for almost eight years; and

**WHEREAS**, Crystal Carbellos was born on September 6, 1947 in Fort Dodge, Iowa to Richard F. Nekkinda and Olga M. Rubos. Crystal was an avid and loyal Minnesota Vikings and Prince fan; and

**WHEREAS**, Crystal Carbellos was a mother to four children: Nicole (Carley), Samuel, Reuben, and Adrienne; a grandmother to eight grandchildren: Jacquez, Samarah, Summer, Wynnston, Savannah, Ayden, Isabella, and Rubianna; and

**WHEREAS**, Crystal was loved and respected by her family, her clients, friends, and colleagues for her compassion, empathy, kindness, grace, strength, creativity, humor, positive spirit, loyalty, commitment to justice, and faith in humanity; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of Crystal Carbellos, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable contributions she has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Crystal Carbellos.

[19-2474](#)

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE CHICAGO (IL) ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC. ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., is a predominantly African-American membership collegiate fraternity founded on January 5, 1911 at Indiana University Bloomington; and

**WHEREAS**, the fraternity has never limited membership based on color, creed or national origin and has over 160,000 members with 837 undergraduate and alumni chapters in every state of the United States, and international chapters in the United Kingdom, Germany, South Korea, Japan, United States Virgin Islands, Nigeria, and South Africa; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered on April 17, 1919 in the city of Chicago as the first alumni chapter of the fraternity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered by Kappa Alpha Psi Founder Byron K. Armstrong and seven other esteemed men of the fraternity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was established following the end of World War I and has selected men of high standard, which epitomizes the fraternity's fundamental purpose of achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. has continuously sponsored programs which provided community service, social welfare and academic scholarships over the past century; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. are engaged in every field of human endeavor and continue to distinguish themselves in service to the State of Illinois, County of Cook and City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to congratulate the members of the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. on the occasion of the chapter's 100th anniversary;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate the members of the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. on the occasion of their centennial year and thank them for 100 years of service in the public interest; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to a representative of the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[19-2598](#)

**Sponsored by:** KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RECOGNIZING THE EAGLE STAFF AS THE FIRST FLAG OF THE AMERICAS**

**WHEREAS**, The Eagle Staff, considered the first flag of the Americas, represents the stature and honor of a particular Native American tribe or tribes; it commonly looks like a shepherd's staff, wrapped in either otter skin or buffalo skin, and featuring eagle feathers; pre-dating colonization, the Eagle Staff was the indicator of a tribe's accomplishments in battle and the integrity and honor of its people; and

**WHEREAS**, today the Eagle Staff is used to represent tribal communities, Native American and First Nation organizations, or a member of an honor society or service veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, The Eagle Staff represents tribal sovereignty, unity, and tradition, and reflects the honor bestowed upon an individual, tribal organization, or tribal elder; the Eagle Staff is typically carried by

Native American veterans of the United States Armed Forces; Native Americans have served in greater numbers per capita than any other ethnicity across all branches of the military; and

**WHEREAS,** The Eagle is a proud legacy of the Native American people and is the embodiment of the warrior and of enduring fortitude, which together have enable the tribes to survive policies intended to extinguish their race and culture; and

**WHEREAS,** The Eagle Staff is adorned with eagle feathers symbolizing the remembrance of fallen warriors because eagles and eagle features are highly revered and federally protected, and only a few federal agencies and enrolled native people may carry them, the eagle feather is the highest award that can be given by a tribe to its people; and

**WHEREAS,** The Eagle Staff is recognized by all Native American tribes, First Nations, and other Native American organizations and the Eagle Staff is welcomed into all communities, including Native American and First Nation communities with a flag song or victory song and is always presented ahead of any other flag; and

**WHEREAS,** The Eagle Staff is formerly recognized by all branches of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Canadian Department of National Defense; and

**WHEREAS,** The Eagle Staff is recognized and honored by the National Congress of American Indians, the State of Illinois, the Illinois Secretary of State Veterans' Advisory Council, and the McCormick Foundation Veterans Program; and

**WHEREAS,** The Eagle Staff is honored at Chicago Blackhawks games during the playing of the National Anthem; and

**WHEREAS,** The Eagle Staff is recognized by the Trickster Art Gallery, a Native American art gallery and museum in Schaumburg; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Cook County Board of Commissioner recognizes the Eagle Staff as the first flag of the sovereign Native American tribal nations and the First Nations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners renews its commitment to cooperate with tribes, inter-governmental tribes, and Native American organizations, including Native American veterans' organizations and the Trickster Art Gallery, to encourage programs promoting cultural education of the significance of the Eagle Staff; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners is committed to inclusiveness for all Native Americans, the traditions and symbolism of the Eagle Staff; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners encourages all Cook County departments to incorporate these principles into the policies and practices.

19-2702

**Sponsored by:** KEVIN B. MORRISON, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****HONORING PEG BLANCHARD FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO BARRINGTON**

**WHEREAS,** Peg Blanchard was hired as the first Economic Development Director of Barrington, Illinois in 1996; and

**WHEREAS,** Peg served as the Barrington Economic Development Director until her retirement in March, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** Peg helped to establish Barrington's Cook Street Plaza, which today includes Francesca's Italian Restaurant, Green Door Day Spa, Phillips Men's Wear, Cook Street Coffee, Acacia Organics, and SweetPea Cakes; and

**WHEREAS,** Peg helped to establish Barrington's Village Center, which today includes Shakou eatery and Egg Harbor Café; and

**WHEREAS,** the dedicated work that Peg Blanchard has done and all of your accomplishments have led to more economic activity and created numerous jobs in Barrington; and

**WHEREAS,** Peg Blanchard is a true testament of public service; and

**THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED,** that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, would like to recognize Peg Blanchard for her exemplary career and dedication to public service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a suitable copy of this resolution is presented to Peg Blanchard.

19-2741

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****CONGRATULATING MARJORIE MANCHEN FOR RECEIVING THE GUERIN PREP SISTER FRANCES ALMA MCMANUS AWARD**

**WHEREAS,** the Sister Frances Alma McManus Award was established in 1989 in honor of the first

principal of Mother Theodore Guerin High School (now Guerin Prep); and

**WHEREAS**, the McManus Award honors those who show achievement through service to their community and/or through their career; and

**WHEREAS**, Margie Manchen graduated from Mother Guerin in 1978, Guerin's largest class; and

**WHEREAS**, Margie Manchen returned to serve nine years on the Guerin Alumnae Board, including a term as its chair and president, and later served an additional ten years as a director on the Guerin College Prep Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, Margie Manchen graduated from Western Illinois University with degrees in political science, law enforcement administration, and French. Margie attributes her interest in the French language and culture to the head of Guerin's language department, the beloved late Marilyn Hejnosz; and

**WHEREAS**, Margie Manchen earned her Juris Doctorate at Northern Illinois University's College of Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Margie Manchen was previously a partner with the law firm, O'Donnell, Grady & Manchen; and

**WHEREAS**, Margie Manchen has also practiced in River Grove with her husband of twenty years, Bart A. Smith, and father-in-law, Harry J. Smith, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Margie Manchen was elected village clerk in the Village of River Grove in 2009, winning reelection in 2013 and 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Margie Manchen graduated from the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute in 2011 and earned certification as a municipal clerk at the state and international levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Margie Manchen was appointed executive administrator to the Mayor's Office and Treasurer of the Village of Schiller Park in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Margie Manchen has been a commissioner of the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues since 2008 and is vice president of the River Grove Lions Club; and

**WHEREAS**, Margie Manchen volunteers for the Special Olympics and the Glass Slipper Project, is an advocate and supporter of WINGS and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and was a court-appointed special advocate in Kane County where she represented abused and neglected children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Margie Manchen on her well-deserved McManus Award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Margie as an expression of our appreciation for her commitment to the Guerin community and beyond.

[19-2748](#)

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING JANE HAYDEN FOR RECEIVING THE GUERIN PREP SISTER FRANCES ALMA MCMANUS AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Sister Frances Alma McManus Award was established in 1989 in honor of the first principal of Mother Theodore Guerin High School (now Guerin Prep); and

**WHEREAS**, the McManus Award honors those who show achievement through service to their community and/or through their career; and

**WHEREAS**, Jane Hayden is a graduate of Mother Theodore Guerin High School's class of 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, Jane Hayden, born and raised in Chicago, credits Mother Guerin with affording her a lifetime of friendships and sending her out into the world armed with confidence and humility; and

**WHEREAS**, at Guerin, Jane Hayden recalls she was always encouraged to try, and she learned that it was never a problem to fail or come in second; and

**WHEREAS**, during Jane Hayden's senior year, the confidence that Guerin instilled took her to WGN studios, where she explained that she knew how to type and was looking for late hours or weekend work. Within a few days, Jane was offered a radio logger position via the pay phone outside Guerin's cafeteria; and

**WHEREAS**, Jane Hayden has been with WGN ever since 1980, and in 1990 Jane was honored as WGN-TV's Employee of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1999, Jane Hayden has served as Director of Operations for WGN-TV; and

**WHEREAS**, Jane Hayden's experiences outside of WGN reflect her commitment to service. Shortly after graduating from Guerin, Jane began mentoring within the Cabrini Green community; and

**WHEREAS**, Jane Hayden later began a mentoring program with the Chicago Boys and Girls Club, encouraging friends and coworkers to volunteer; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1996, Jane Hayden received an award from the Corporate Volunteer Program with WGN-TV and the Chicago Boys and Girls Club, and she was the 2012 Volunteer of the Year for the



Daniel Cotter Boys and Girls Club of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Jane Hayden has traveled around the world with Habitat for Humanity and appreciates the experience of living in a foreign country, working side-by-side with families on their new homes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Jane Hayden on her well-deserved McManus Award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Jane Hayden as an expression of our appreciation for her commitment to the Chicago community and beyond.

[19-2790](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, the Department of Defense established April as the month of the Military Child; and

**WHEREAS**, every April, the United States military services and communities around the world recognize military children for their daily sacrifices and the challenges they must overcome; and

**WHEREAS**, these children shoulder responsibilities beyond their years and burdens outside of their control, such as repeatedly moving and changing schools, long-term hospital stays for family members and even the loss of a parent; and

**WHEREAS**, many military children have known only war since September 11, 2001, including some military children whose parents made the ultimate sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is home to more than 385,454 veterans that have or are serving in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Reserves; and are parents to military children; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County will further its commitment to the brave men and women who serve their country by recognizing these children and young American heroes and pledging its gratitude for their sacrifices; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners declares April 2019 as the month of the Military Child; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners urges all Cook County residents, local leaders, private organizations and businesses to observe the month by showing appreciation to the

children and youth of military and veteran families, including children of the fallen, for standing by their parents and loved ones who are serving or have served as members of the armed forces of the United States.

[19-2791](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2019 AS NATIONAL LAW DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share; and

**WHEREAS**, Law Day has its origin in 1957, when American Bar Association (ABA) President Charles S. Rhyne envisioned a special day for celebrating the role of law in our society and for cultivating a deeper understanding of our legal system; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 3, 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day by issuing a Proclamation proclaiming it “fitting that the people of this Nation should remember with pride and vigilantly guard the great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law which our forefathers bequeathed to us.” Every President since has issued an annual Law Day Proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, we celebrate the 61st Anniversary of Law Day’s establishment in 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 7, 1961, Congress passed a Joint Resolution that designated May 1 as Law Day. The theme of Law Day 2019 is “Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society”; and

**WHEREAS**, Law Day 2019 offers the opportunity to reinforce these bastions of freedom as prerequisites for a Free Society; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Constitution proposes the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity; and

**WHEREAS**, Free Speech and Free Press as cornerstones of representative government inspire us to understand and protect these rights while probing their history and considering their future; and

**WHEREAS**, this Law Day provides an opportunity for us, the people, to embrace the resilience of two of the most important foundations for a Free Society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize May 1, 2019, as National Law Day and its theme of “Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Cook County Law Library will celebrate Law Day by continuing in its mission of providing legal information resources and educational opportunities as a component of access to justice to ensure that all can discover and advance their legal rights.

[19-2841](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING JENNIFER “SIS” KILLEN ON WINNING THE WOMEN’S TRANSPORTATION SEMINAR INTERNATIONAL’S “WOMAN OF THE YEAR” AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer “Sis” Killen is the 2019 Woman of the Year for the Women’s Transportation Seminar (“WTS”); and

**WHEREAS**, Sis is the first female Assistant Superintendent of the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (“DOTH”), a position she has held for seven years; and

**WHEREAS**, WTS International was founded in 1977 by a group of pioneering women in transportation who realized that women’s careers would benefit from professional development, encouragement and recognition to support their advancement in transportation professions. Now, after more than 40 years of growth and development, WTS is an international organization with more than 6500 members (including women and men) and 79 chapters; and

**WHEREAS**, the WTS Woman of the Year is recognized as a leader in transportation who has made an outstanding contribution to the transportation industry; who has directly contributed toward the advancement of women and minorities through programs or opportunities in the transportation field; and who has advanced the reputation and credibility of women in transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, Sis was recognized for driving the change and transformation at the DOTH which was largely been the result of Sis’ private sector experience and her true gift of leadership that has allowed the Department to be more innovative, collaborative, transparent and accountable to the Transportation Industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Sis was the project leader that pulled together the Advisory and Program Committees that worked for three years to come up with Cook County’s first innovative Long-Range Transportation Plan in 70 years; and

**WHEREAS**, following the successful creation of the plan, Sis brought relationships she formed in the private sector to the table to collaborate on regional projects like the Elgin-O’Hare, Jane Addams Tollway, the IL-53 Tri-County Project along with negotiating and collaborating for DOTH to become a

full Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Partner; and

**WHEREAS**, Sis instituted the transparent project selection and scoring criteria for DOTH's Invest in Cook Grant Program that has brought community and economic growth to this region; and

**WHEREAS**, Sis Killen was appointed Chairwoman of the DBE Focus Group of the Innovation in Construction, Asphalt and Transportation (ICAT) where she has been able to bring seasoned Architecture and Engineering Firms to the table to help and mentor new Women Owned and Minority Owned Businesses by having all the larger government clients work together in this region; and

**WHEREAS**, Sis has been Chairwoman of Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's Transportation Committee, served on the CREATE's Management Committee, participated in the WTS Leadership Training, is a fellow with the University of Chicago Civic Leadership Academy and numerous regional project stakeholder Committees; and

**WHEREAS**, previous winners of the WTS Woman of the Year award include United States Senator Tammy Duckworth and Illinois State Representative Julie Hamos; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents and over 22,000 employees of Cook County, congratulates Jennifer "Sis" Killen on being named the 2019 WTS Woman of the Year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Jennifer "Sis" Killen.

[19-2869](#)

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CONGRATULATING RONALD M. SERPICO FOR RECEIVING THE GUERIN PREP COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, Guerin Prep High School each year bestows its Community Leadership Award upon a leader who has exhibited vision and demonstrated leadership to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Serpico has served as Mayor of the Village of Melrose Park since 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Serpico has deep family roots in the Village of Melrose Park, having graduated from Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in 1966 and Proviso East in 1970. Ron and his wife, Donna, have three children and are the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Serpico holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Illinois State University and received his Juris Doctorate from DePaul University College of Law in 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Serpico, inspired by his immigrant grandfather Domenico's vision of the American Dream, first ran for office to focus on the hopes, dreams, and concerns of all of the residents of Melrose Park; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure, Ronald Serpico has ushered in an economic turnaround in Melrose Park. He was responsible for the Melrose Park Water Project, a water transmission system that will ensure a steady flow of clean water for many years to come; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Serpico was also instrumental in making major infrastructure improvements in all sections of the village, including a railroad overpass and a planned retail and industrial development at the site of the former Maywood Park Racetrack; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Serpico is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Proviso Council on Aging, former president of the Proviso Municipal League, and chairman of the West Suburban Preservation Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Serpico has been honored as the Illinois State Crime Commission's Municipal Leader of the Year and is a recipient of the JCCIA Peacemaker Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Serpico is a member of numerous organizations, including the Necahual Foundation, the Cavaliers of Villa Scalabrini, and the Knights of Columbus. His concern for others inspired the founding of a charitable organization, the Melrose Park Sports and Family Benefit Fund, which has donated more than one million dollars to benefit local youth, senior, school, and athletic organizations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Ronald Serpico on his well-deserved Community Leadership Award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Mayor Serpico as an expression of our appreciation for his community leadership.

[19-2940](#)

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING CHICAGO PASTORS RALLY**

**WHEREAS,** Chicago Pastors Rally was founded in July of 2015 by a group of pastors working together in unity to touch Chicago with the love of Christ; and

**WHEREAS,** Chicago Pastors Rally are a group of Bible believing men and women of God with common faith in Christ, who are burdened about the City of Chicago and advancement of the Kingdom of God regardless of race, ethnicity, language or geographical location; and

**WHEREAS,** they believe that transformation of Chicagoland starts with the Body of Christ and with Faith, Prayer, Fellowship and works of love, to create a Chicagoland free from violence; and

**WHEREAS,** Chicago Pastors Mission is to change the spiritual landscape of our cities by uniting Pastors and Christian leaders to impact lives, families and churches through collective faith, prayer and fellowship; and

**WHEREAS,** the guiding vision of Chicago Pastors rally include taking the Chicagoland area for God, fostering unity among pastors and Christian leaders, being our brother keeper, advancing the work of the Kingdom together, and setting prayer watch on contemporary issues that affect church families, communities, the nation, where we reside and the world; and

**WHEREAS,** the current executive committee composition includes Pastor Dr. Isaac Paintsil-President, Pastor Bayo Adewole - Vice-President, Thelma Dadson - Secretary, Pastor Oliver Akano - Treasurer, Pastor Wale Akinosun - Media and Public Relations, Apostle John Eshiba - Prayer and Evangelism, Francis Dadson - Director of Operations; and

**WHEREAS,** additional members include Pastor Kayode Ijisesan, Pastor Gregory Lan, Pastor Dr. Joseph Rhoiney, Pastor Adegboyega Talabi, Pastor Philip Carlson, Apostle Claude Pressior, Pastor Olusoji Peter and Pastor Abraham Adesayo; and

**WHEREAS,** Chicago Pastors Rally have organized many events since its founding including: Christ for all Nations Rally in collaboration with Chicago Pastors and guest Minister Reinhard Bonnke at All State arena on June 25th - 28th, 2015, Festival of Life (Citywide Prayer Rally) at the House of Hope with guest minister Reverend E.A. Adegboye on March 25th, 2016, Chicagoland United in Prayer in collaboration with Chicago Pastors Rally for Hands Across Chicago on July 14th 2018, and

**WHEREAS,** the Chicago Pastors Rally also holds an annual breakfast meeting and quarterly prayer meetings since 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to celebrate the good work of Chicago Pastors Rally;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honor Chicago Pastors Rally for their committed service to the community, the City of Chicago and Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Chicago Pastors Rally as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[19-2945](#)

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI and BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING RETIRING FOREST PARK MAYOR, ANTHONY CALDERONE**

**WHEREAS**, Anthony Calderone is retiring after serving the Village of Forest Park as its mayor since 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Calderone is a lifelong resident of and a longtime business owner in Forest Park and he and his wife, Lois raised their two sons, Augustino and Anthony Jr., in that same community; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Calderone was first elected as a Forest Park Commissioner in 1991 and served in that role prior to becoming mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Calderone has demonstrated his passion for volunteerism and civic duty for decades, serving the Parish Council of St. Bernadine, Forest Park Little League as coach and treasurer, West Suburban Senior Services, Proviso Municipal League, West Central Municipal Conference as a member and past president, Oak Leyden Developmental Services, Kiwanis International, the Columbian Club and the Lions Club; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to these many organizations and his municipal responsibilities, Mayor Calderone, along with his wife and son, successfully own and operate Illinois Alarm Services. Due to his expertise and his company's excellent reputation, he is also a member of numerous alarm and security industry associations; and

**WHEREAS**, with his vision and under his leadership, Forest Park has thrived with a vibrant resurgence of its commercial, dining and entertainment areas along Madison Avenue, a major redevelopment of Roosevelt Road, a strong residential market with increased home values and additional enhancements to the village; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Calderone's dedication to public service has earned him several awards and acknowledgements from civic, educational and charity organizations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Anthony Calderone for his years of commitment to the residents of Forest Park and wish him and his wife, Lois many happy years spent with their family and especially their cherished grandchildren.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mayor Anthony Calderone as testimony of the esteem in which he is held by this Honorable Body and the residents of Cook County.

[19-2988](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING EVONDA THOMAS-SMITH, PhD, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Evonda Thomas-Smith, Ph.D., left her position as the City of Evanston Director of Health and Human Services on March 22, 2019. Dr. Thomas-Smith was first hired by the City of Evanston in 2005 to be the Division Chief of Personal Health Services. In January 2008, she became the Public Health Director of the Evanston Health Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Evonda Thomas-Smith has many accomplishments from this work. She initiated the “WOW” program - “Women Out Walking” (now “We’re Out Walking), a six-week program to encourage women to walk regularly, alone or in groups, and to keep track of their progress. She initiated and oversaw the Citywide H1N1 flu virus vaccination program in 2009-2010, when the virus was spreading quickly. As a result of that program, approximately 13,000 people were vaccinated in mass community clinics in a three-week period; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, when Evanston residents approved a referendum to dissolve the Evanston Township government, she welcomed the General Assistance and Emergency Assistance programs into the Health Department. She remembers the people she met as a result of that change as enriching her greatly; and

**WHEREAS**, of all her accomplishments for the Evanston community, Dr. Thomas-Smith is most proud of the private public partnership that established the first Federally Qualified Health Center, Erie, Evanston Skokie Health Center, in Evanston. It has not only taken root, it is expanding, and thus better able to meet the healthcare needs of area residents; and



**WHEREAS**, Evonda Thomas-Smith has dedicated her life to public health, including improving access to healthcare, surveillance of infectious diseases, decreasing environmental health hazards, and analyzing how social determinants of health and social inequities impact health outcomes. In her role as a public health leader, she became the local face of a global network of professionals who strive to ensure the public's health through ongoing assessment of need and policy development; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2017, Human Impact Partners named Evonda Thomas-Smith a 2017-2018 Health Equity Awakened Leadership Fellow. Leadership Fellows from local health departments across the country explore strategies that advance racial and social justice in public health, data-driven framing, and systems change. In accepting the Fellowship, Dr. Thomas-Smith expressed her excitement "to be afforded the opportunity to take a deep dive into my personal leadership development, and shape racial and social justice strategies for public health, using inside-outside strategies to advance health equity in Evanston;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Evonda Thomas Smith's many contributions bettering the lives of the residents of Evanston and citizens of Cook County, Illinois;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Evonda Thomas Smith.

[19-2995](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING RABBI MENACHEM SCHNEERSON AND EDUCATION & SHARING DAY USA**

**WHEREAS**, one shining example for all people of what education ought to be was provided by the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of righteous memory, a global spiritual leader who dedicated his life to the betterment of mankind. A tireless advocate for youth around the world, the Rebbe emphasized the importance of education and good character, and instilled the hope for a brighter future into the lives of countless people in America and across the globe, and

**WHEREAS**, the Rebbe taught that education, in general, should not be limited to the acquisition of

knowledge and preparation for a career, nor should its sole focus be on making a better living; and

**WHEREAS**, the educational system must also focus on building character by emphasizing the cultivation of universal moral and ethical values that have been the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization, including the values known as the Seven Noahide Laws, which have often been cited as a guarantee of fundamental human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality, and acts of charity, he has been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has established his birth date as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the education of our children,

**WHEREAS**, the character of our young people is strengthened by serving a cause greater than self and by the anchor of virtues, including courage and compassion. By instilling a spirit of service in our children, we create a more optimistic future for them and our county, and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has paid recognition to the Rebbe's vision each year on April 16 by proclaiming it "Education & Sharing Day USA";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County encourages the citizens of Cook County to reach out to young people to work to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all on the Federally Proclaimed EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY, Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the Rabbi Meir Shimon Moscovitz, Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois.

[19-2996](#)

**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. HELEN MILLER, LONGTIME LEADER OF THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU)**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Helen Miller was a leader in the field of home-care, having served the sick and elderly for 40 years in Chicago and supporting her fellow workers in the struggle for fair wages and benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Helen Miller was born as Helen Ruth Ashford on May 26, 1936 to Buster and Clara Ashford in Louisville, Kentucky; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Miller moved to Chicago after graduating high school, where she found work in industrial laundries, and soon after married Collin Miller; and

**WHEREAS**, after several years, Mrs. Helen Miller became a home-care worker, a profession to which she dedicated the rest of her career; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Helen Miller became engaged in workers' rights activism during the 1980s through SEIU Local 880, when home-care workers were considered independent contractors whose wages were below the prevailing wage; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Helen Miller became a fierce advocate for the home-care profession and a champion for fair wages in an often-overlooked field while caring deeply for those she served; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Helen Miller was elected President of SEIU in 1999, after having served as its Treasurer and Vice-President; and

**WHEREAS**, in this role, she organized home-care workers and led protests and rallies for workers' rights locally and in other cities' and

**WHEREAS**, her efforts successfully helped increase wages and equipped workers with the ability to negotiate for health insurance as well as participate in state-funded training programs, which are now named after Mrs. Helen Miller; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Helen Miller passed away on March 5, 2019 and is survived by her sister, Johnnie Wells, and her brother, Hayward Ashford.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the President to the Board do hereby honor the life and contributions of dedicated union leader, Mrs. Helen Miller; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the friends and family of Mrs. Helen Miller.

[19-3018](#)

**Sponsored by:** DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING REVEREND DR. E. RAYMOND CHIN RETIREMENT OF 22 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY**

**WHEREAS**, E. Raymond Chin began his life's journey on the Isle of Jamaica, West Indies; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Dr. Chin academic achievements were obtained through the Jamaica school of Theology in Kingston, Jamaica; Anderson University and School of Theology at Anderson, Indiana; and the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In recognition of his exceptional abilities as a minister, counselor, consultant and administrator, Rev. Dr. Chin was honored by the California School of Ministry and received the Doctor of Divinity Degree; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Dr. Chin is currently the Senior Pastor of Covenant Faith Church of God (formerly, the Emerald Avenue Church of God); and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Dr. Chin has made a profound impact within the field of ministry he has successfully demonstrated exceptional proficiency in Church Management; Pre-Marital Counseling; Individual and Family Counseling; and in collective and continuing concerns of the church and church membership; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Dr. Chin has traveled extensively with ministerial commitments extending across several continents including Africa, Europe, and South America. He has accumulated an impressive record as an administrator serving with the Executive Council of the National Association of the Church of God; Executive Council and Credentials Committee of the Church of God in Western Pennsylvania; Board of Directors, East End Cooperative Ministry of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Dr. Chin served as Vice President of Church Relations, and Editor of Missions Magazine, Missionary Board Representative and Consultant at the Missionary Board of the Church of God in Anderson, Indiana; and presently a member of the Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Dr. Chin is a devoted husband to Noreen Chin for 51years, father of Dr. Shaundra, Christopher and Brittney, and grandfather of Caleb and Jeremy; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Dr. Chin is a proven and respected leader with the Church of God, as well as, with various denominations; He is an anointed man of God who has humbly accepted the Great Commission; In his 22 years of service, Rev. Chin have opened the doors of the church to the community and fostered a positive relationship with the surrounding community and its leadership.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of cook County do hereby congratulation Reverend Dr. E. Raymond Chin on his retirement and for the important and commendable service and leadership he has provided.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of the Honorable body and a ceremonial copy be given to Reverend Dr. E. Raymond Chin in commemoration of this auspicious occasion.

19-3022

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****HONORING DR. TERRI WINFREE**

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Terri L. Winfree is the 14th President of Prairie State College (PSC) and began her presidency on May 19, 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Winfree is the first woman President of the college, the first PSC graduate to be named President, and the first person in her immediate family to attend college; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Winfree began her career at the college first as a student, then as a part-time employee, and then moved through a succession of positions at the college, culminating as President; and

**WHEREAS,** after graduating from PSC with an Associate Degree in General Studies in 1996, she received her Bachelor of Arts in 1998 and Master of Arts in Communication Studies/Human Performance and Training in 2000 from Governors State University, and in 2012, she obtained her Ph.D. in Education and Human Resources from Colorado State University; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Winfree's story resonates with many PSC students because it is similar to theirs - starting her college education at PSC as a part-time, adult student, and as a first-generation college student; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Winfree started in 1995 as a part-time employee teaching non-credit computer classes and serving as the coordinator of career training programs; Next, she was named manager of the Matteson Area Center from 1998 to 2000; she served as associate dean, continuing professional education from 2000-2004; and then was named dean of continuing professional education from 2004 to 2007; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Winfree would go on to be named vice president of community and economic development in 2007, and served in that capacity until she was selected as president in 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** on behalf of the college, Dr. Winfree has served in leadership positions with numerous organizations including the Illinois Council of Community College Administrators, The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce, The Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau, and has served as a

member of The Chicago Southland Economic Development Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Winfree also is an active member of the Professional Women's Network and has served on several educational foundation scholarship committees; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Winfree has received numerous awards including: The Women in Leadership award from the Link & Option Center, Inc. in 2015, The Giving Back Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine in 2016, which is based on an outstanding demonstration of social responsibility, a commitment to charitable services, and involvement with students, faculty and staff to serve underrepresented populations with each honoree being recognized for his or her passion, dedication and philanthropic achievements; and in 2018, Dr. Winfree was named to the Bloom Trail High School Hall of Fame;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honors Dr. Terri L. Winfree for her remarkable career and for her service to the community and to Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Dr. Terri L. Winfree.